

# BEST AVAILABLE COPY

JUL.21'2005 14:06 518 449 0047

HOFFMAN WARNICK D ALESSANRO LLC #4311 P.003

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Applicants:** Clewis *et al.*

**Conf. No.:** 7444

**RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

**Serial No.:** 10/038,136

**Art Unit:** 2191

**JUL 21 2005**

**Filing Date:** 10/26/2001

**Examiner:** Rampuria, Satis

**Title:** DIRECTED NON-CYCLIC GRAPH  
WALKING SYSTEM AND METHOD

**Docket No.:** CHA920010006US1  
(IBMC-0018)

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

### I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

This paper is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination dated July 21, 2005. Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

10/038,136

Page 1 of 12